myself, you could not have sent it in a more

needed time. I have never received my pen-

sion yet. Wish you would do what you can to

"It was a Godsend to me. I have to depend

on others even for a drink of water, I am such

a cripple. I have suffered so much from cold.

I cannot keep warm. It has been a hard Win-

ter for me. My pension is every cent I have,

"How little some of us prize the Woman's

clothes the naked, and furnishes supplies for

the sick and needy, then we see the Christ-life

reflected. Last year every cent of my allow-

ance went for medicine, and I considered it a

Godsend in the right time. Christmas is past

present I received. I am in hopes Mrs. Wit-

tenmyer will get the Post Army Nurse bill

through this Winter. If she does, I have great

hopes of a pension. I have asked our Repre-

sentative to help push the bill, and he has

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT.

Department Correspondent Hattie B. Richard-

son, are active and diligent in good works.

Socials, dramatic entertainments and suppers

Old Brigade Corps reported a G.A.R. and

W.R.C. picnic at the home of Philo Davis.

Johnston, and Green Mountain Corps gave a

"The Visible History of the Civil War" was

houey social to reduce the debt on their hall.

given by Jessie A. Jewett Corps, Swanton, em-

bracing 19 tableaux, opening with "Peace in

New England," and closing with "Memorial

Day." This Corps served the meeting of the

District Odd Fellows, and with the combined

proceeds put electric lights in Grand Army

Green Mountain Corps realized a nice sum

from a dramatic entertainment given by Ethe-

lynd Gould. Department Inspector Florence

H. Gates compliments the Corps on their work.

Two members are officers of a corporation

formed by the Grand Army, Relief Corps, and

Among the faithful officers of Vermont is

Treasurer Carrie Melindy, of Hooker Corps,

who has entered upon her 11th year of service

Washburn Corps has inaugurated the flag

salute with appropriate music. When Inspector

was successful, from the fact, we suppose, that

no one kept still. Joint installation was held

with the Post. They all mourn the loss of

Comrade George Chamberlain, who was always

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA.

class has committed this to memory, erase and

write the next sentence. Seek opportunities,

and the way will open before you. 'They who

educate a nation's children shape its destiny,'

This is a noble work, and worthy our best

General Orders, 17, of Department President

Marie Hasen winkle call attention to the circu-

lar with the following additional recommenda-

tions: "As time passes on, our organization will

the Grand Army grow smaller, and it will be-

the principles that the Grand Army fought for

are taught to our children, that we may have

a Union that shall grow stronger as the ages

patriotic contests, oratorical essays, etc., that

will be interesting to both young and old, and

would suggest that patriotic books be given as

prizes to the successful contestant. Appoint

impartial judges. We hope Minnesota will be

employed, Mrs. Eugenie Wheeler Goff, to lect-

The Minuesota inspections show up well,

though conducted late in the year, under an

extension of time by the National President.

Soldiers' Home hospital, such as slippers, dress-

ing-gowns, handkerchiefs, night-shirts, fruits,

jellies, and so on, a call is made for books,

magazines, and periodicals in foreign as well as

the English language. Each Corps is asked to

furnish at least one book to the Home library.

DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS.

Connecticut, in last General Orders, reports

State on behalf of the National Relief Corps

Home, also the Soldiers' Home at Noroton.

teaching and the Anderson ville Prison fund.

A special plea is made on behalf of patriotic

upon the death of her husband, three days

Department President Mary E. McCauley, of

Illinois, visited the Soldiers' Widows' Home at

as most encouraging in results. The Illinois Legislature will be urged to make an appro-

priation large enough to provide for all who

come under provision of the law.

Department President Annie W. Johnson,

Washington, D. C., in calling eighth annual

Convention, Department of the Potomac, held in Grand Army Hall, Feb. 7, concludes with a congratulatory farewell to the Corps of that

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

tels, of Ohio, has returned to first principles, by

serving as Secretary of Buckley Corps, Akron,

Past Department President Flo Jameson

Miller has been visiting Springfield, Ill., where

she went before the Legislature in the interest

of a liberal appropriation on behalf of the Soldiers' Widows' Home of that State. Many

members of the Legislature are Grand Army

comrades, who will recognize the reasonable-

Since its institution, April, 1895, Reno Corps,

Denver, Colo., has disbursed, largely for charity,

a grand total of \$562.32; number of visits by

For Lovers of Flowers.

the notice of our readers the offer of Miss C.

H. Lippincott, 319 and 323 Sixth Street, South.

Minneapolis, Minn. Miss Lippincott is the pioneer seedswoman of America and her varie-

ties can be depended on as the hardiest and most beautiful. For six cents in stamps and the addresses of two friends you will receive one packet each of Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums and

We know we will be thanked for bringing to

ness of the \$80,000 called for.

Relief Committee, 225.

Past Department President Sarah M. E. Bat-

after being kicked by a vicious horse. Also to

only son, Freddie, from diphtheria.

Department.

Department President Lizzie H. Arnold of

ganist of the Home was not forgotten.

The Soldiers' Home at Minnehaha was well

ing in the schools.

prominent in patriotic teaching this year."

as custodian of the funds.

interested in Corps work.

among their latest ventures.

every school-room. . .

effort."

The Relief Corps of Vermont, as reported by

promised to do what he can."

help me get it."

dure the journey."

What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

An Ohio Comrade Advocates the Election

of Comrade I. F. Mack, of Sandusky, O. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The comrades of Ohio appear to be heartily in favor of Comrade I. F. Mack for Commander-in-Chief, and his name will be presented at the Buffalo Encampment. Comrade Mack was the organizer of one of the first Posts in the Department of Wisconsin, 30 years ago. He has been active in Grand Army work ever since; has held about every office in his Post, and in 1892-3 was Commander of the Department of Ohio. He has been a delegate to every National Enesmpment for a dozen years, and constant in attendance at our Department Encampments. | O. G., L. Earhart; Chap., Wm. Bailey; Q. M. He is thoroughly familiar with the details of | D. P. Boyd. Grand Army work, posted as to the needs of our organization, and has probably a larger personal acquaintance with comrades in other Departments than any other comrade in Ohio. As a factor in Campfire work and other gatherings of veterans he is one of the most useful comrades in our organization, and I voice the sentiment of the comrades of Ohio when I prediet that he will fill the place to the entire satisfaction of every Department. His time is his own, and he will give it freely to the It is claimed, I observe, that the office should | Chief Clarkson will be present. this year go East, as the West has had it for the past three years. To this claim permit me

middle, the heart of the Republic, the gateway from the East to the West. For the past 31 years, including the present,

to reply as follows:

the Commander-in-Chiefship has gone to New England seven years, New York three years, Pennsylvania four years and the District of Columbia one year, making 15 years of the 31 east of Ohio, and 16 years west of Pennsyl-

The East, thus represented by 15 years' control, has less than two-fifths of the membership, and the West more than three-fifths. An even divide on the basis of membership would give the Commander to the Departments west of Pennsylvania five terms more before the honor goes again east of Ohio. The great Department of Ohio has had the honor but twice; namely, in 1879 and 1884. It is 13 years since this Department has been honored, and we all think Ohio is fairly entitled to it now. New York was honored in 1892 and has had it three years, Yours, in F., C. and L.—P. O. PHILLIPS, Box Royal, S. C., Nov. 7, 1861. 171, Cleveland, O.

SUSPENDED COMRADES.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Where is the comrade who has not been grieved beyond expression at the announcement that such and it would not be so had, but when we get the Adj't, T. H. Crandali. general reports and learn that thousands of our humiliating. Many of these brave men who sick and relief fund. faced the cannon's mouth and the bayonet's OHIO .thrust are now to be relegated to the rear for the lack of a few paitry dollars. Many of them would pay only too freely if they were able, while some there may be who care but little for the comradeship in the Post-room. For such we have nothing but wonder at their strange alienation of feeling for the men who stood by them in the fiery ordeal, but for a poor comrade we have the most profound sympathy. If it were in our power we would soon square

the books, and say: "Comrades, take your posi-tions as of old, and let us march merrily along in the walks of life. Now a word to officers and comrades more fortunate in life: Cannot there be something done to arrest this tide of disintegration in the ranks of the G.A.R.? Stragglers in the army always had a disastrous influence on the men in line. So it will be now, and it will continue to be worse and worse till the end. Better in some way commute with a good comrade, and wait till more prosperous times in the country and for himself, than to cut them off by the thousand and go along with thinned ranks to the last campingground of life. Cannot a good comrade be given time on all or part of his dues? The Post is none the poorer, except the small per capita that goes to National Headquarters. Certainly, the G.A.R. would feel much the stronger and more honored with the presence of thousands of old heroes by their side than to see them cast out and falling by the wayside as if they had never been mustered.

If the officers were to make very spirited appeals to the comrades, visiting the Poets and speaking to them privately, would it not be possible to awaken in their breasts the old fires of comradeship, which would cause them to make herculean efforts to retain their position? Why, I believe, if even a poor Chaplain were to move about among the men he could persuade many of them to come back. I have done that already, and many a poor comrade is longing to get back in an honorable manner, but disdains to come back as a beggar.

It occurs to me that, as time passes, more attention will have to be given to looking after the interests of the Posts and men individually. As age comes on men become less elastic in step as well as action, and need someone to stimulate them occasionally. Who can do that like the officers? Who should do it as cheerfully as they? Let this matter be talked over before the next Encampment at Buffalo, and let us be then prepared to act intelligently and effectively. I want to do my full duty in this line, as well as in all others. "So do all of us."

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ALABAMA.-

The eighth annual Encampment of the Department of Alabama will be held at Cullman, Ala., March 10. Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson and members of his staff will be present during the Encampment; it is also expected that several other prominent Grand Army comrades will be present from other Departments.

The ninth annual Encampment of the Department of Georgia will convene at Fitzgerald, IDAHO .-

Phil Sheridan Post, 4, Boise City, was tendered a pleasant surprise the other evening by the largest hall we can get and give a Campthe W.R.C., who visited the Post-room and served | fire. Our halls are always crowded. refreshments. Comrade Pecott addressed the meeting in an able and forcible manner against the bill pending before the Legislature of Idaho, which proposes to take the management of the Soldiers' Home from the Grand Army of the Republic, and deprive inmates of all their pensions except \$4, with the alternative of leaving the Home and going to the States where they enlisted. A resolution was passed condemning the bill. A committee of three was appointed by Commander Bancroft to co-operate with Department Commander Fuller in fighting the ILLINOIS .-

Bartleson Post, 6, Joliet-Com., M. Calmer; S. V. C., Conrad Brehm; J. V. C., W. C. Ream; Adj't, Joshua Bell; Q. M., B. H. King; Surg., S. T. Ferguson; Chap., A. R. Morgan; O. D., T. Herbert; O. G., Jno. Boyne.

Joseph C. Richey; Adj't, Charles Hess; Q. M., Titus Cummings; Chap., Egbert Underhill; Surg., Thomas J. Hull; O. D., Francis X. Busam ; O. G., Rob't L. Boultinghouse.

McKnight Post, 491, Derby-Com., Joseph Parkin; S. V. C., Judson Scovel; J. V. C., W. H. Bell; Surg., Wm. H. Conner; Chap., E. M. Blizzard; Adj't, Geo. H. Suton; Q. M., Hugh Reece; O. D., Jabez Sidebottom; O. G., D. P. Mullen.

Wisner Post, 127, Montezuma-Com., John H. Porter; S. V. C., John Hall; J. V. C., E. T. Jordan; Q. M., A. F. Rayburn; Adj't, John W. Willson; Chap., J. W. McClure; Surg., J. M. Kirk; O. G., G. W. Wiltse; O. D., T. J. Har-

Frontier Post, 353, Spearville-Com., Urias Krom; S. V. C., L. B. Stewart; J. V. C., J. H Steele; Adj't, J. R. Baird; Q. M., J. M. Leidigh; Chap., E. F. Bogart; Surg., Mike Hines; O. D., Sam Parthmoore; O. G., James Wyen. Goodspeed Post, 295, Reading-Com., J. A. Stratton; S. V. C., A. Chapman; J. V. C., J. L.

KENTUCKY .-Taylor Post, 154-Com., A. Baldock; S. V. C. Mat Wade; J. V. C., Fayette Hart; Chap., I. A Baldock; Q. M., H. A. Miller; Adj't, L. W. Gee; Surg.. G. W. Hopkins; O. D., W. M.

Sympson; O. G., W. H. Perkins.

Cowden; Adj't, J. N. Raley; O. D., P. J. King;

Commander Lorenzo D. Carver in last General Orders announces that the next Department Encampment will be held at City Hall, veterans if they make him their Commander. | Lewiston, April 15 and 16. Commander-in-

George G. Davis Post, 64, Brooks-Com. Lorenzo Jones : -. V. C., John Johnson; J.V. C. John Dickey; Chap., Percia B. Clifford; Surg., Ohio is not the West nor East. It is the Benjamin Johnson; Q. M., Wm. Briggs; Adj't, William Rowe; O. D., Jefferson Hobbs; O. G., NEW JERSEY .-

G. Van Houten Post, 3, took possession of its new hall, 94 Belmont avenue, Jersey City, Feb. 19. Charles P. Knoeller, Chairman of the Building Committee, handed the deed and other papers to Charles A. Bowers, Commander of the Post, who made a brief speech. A vote of thanks was given to the Committee; short speeches were made by Department Commander Ernest C. Stahl, of Trenton, Past Department Commander Henry M. Nevius and others. The interior of the building was handsomely decorated with red, white and blue bunting. Adorning the walls were flags of all sizes, pictures of famous Generals, battles and prisons of the late war. Conspicuous among the flags was the tattered and torn battleflag of the old United States frigate Wabash. It was used in the action and the capture of Port | ing.

The Council of Administration has decided to hold the annual Encampment at Rochester, | and bath-rooms on each floor. On the second May 18 and 19. The Council also elected the floor are the parlor and library, opposite each Views of Past Chaplain-in-Chief T. H. Rev. J. J. Arnaud Department Chaplain, to other, with folding-doors opening into the hall;

succeed Rev. W. L. Hyde, deceased. George B. Charette Post, 558, Warrensburgh | sels carpets. -Com., M. N. Dickinson; S. V. C., S. F. Smith; such a member has been suspended for non- O. D., S. B. Moses; O. G., W. A. McDonald; and a large entry, or arcade, leads from the payment of dues? If it were in one Post alone | Sentinel, Chas. Lamb; Chap., Walter Pasco; | Wittenmyer Cottage to the dining-room. The

old comrades all over the Nation are in the on Abraham Lincoln Feb. 11, under the auspices | not chilled by the cold. same category it makes it doubly afflicting and of Chapin Post, 2, Buffalo, for the benefit of the

> Henry Clark Post, 252, Peru-Com., John Baker; S. V. C., David Brownell; J. V. C., Thomas Hagaman; Surg., A. E. Lawrence; O. D., A. M. Cole; Q. M., J. H. Hakes; Chap., C. Woodruff; Adj't, John H. Crawford; O. G., George Lawson.

> Plymouth Post, 431, Frost-Com., Lewis Richardson; S. V. C., J. M. Townsend; J.V. C., W. L. Petty; Adj't, L. A. Jenne; Q. M., D. C. Richardson; S. M., Hiram Burden; Chap, David McGill; O. D., Nathan Hatch; O. G., L. C. Johnston.

Fred C. Jones Post, 401, Cincinnati-Com. A. B. Isham; S. V. C., R. W. Darby; J. V. C., John Menn; Chap., D. W. Snyder; Q. M., J. B. Sampson; Adj't, G. S. Goodman; O. D., J. R. Malony; O. G., J. M. Brasher; Surg., W. R. Thrall; Historian, Dr. W. C. Johnson.

Buckley Post, 12, Akron-Com., J. R. Mell; V. C., E. F. Taggart; J. V. C., Newton Chalker; Chap., O. S. Walker; Surg., S. W. Johnson ; Q. M., Alexander McLaughlin ; Adj't, H. A. Kasson; O. D., Eli Smith; O. G., Samuel

Cambridge Post, 343, Cambridge-Com. Henry Coffman; S. V. C., Alfred Weedon; J. V. C., John Brislin; Surg., Stewart Harris; O. D., James Stevens; O. G., Hosea Sanchett; Adj't, E. M. Siegfried.

Newton Stanton Post, 596, Warsaw-Com Sampson McNeal; S. V. C., J. J. Kepler; J. V. C., Thomas Milligan; Adj't, L. F. Auspaugh Surg., N. Calhoun; Chap., Peter Holser; Q. M. Piatt Williamson; O. D., S. M. Weller; O. G. WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,-

Farragut Post, 15, Port Townsend, Wash .-Com., James McMillan; S. V. C., William B. West; J. V. C., Henry E. Wylie; Adj't, Thad. S. Smith; Q. M., Edward Rose; Chap., William W. Swing; Surg., David M. Littlefield; O. D., Nosh I. Edgill; O. G., Amos Hostetler.

"Children Teething."

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twentyfive cents a bottle.

Letter from a San Francisco Circle. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Seven Pines Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R., of San Francisco. Cal., has been a subscriber to your paper for a year past, and have found, among much other valuable information, many articles on the -T. H. HAGERTY, Past Chaplain-in-Chief, St. work and progress of our beloved Order in little 15-acre farm and see beauty springing other parts of the Nation. Therefore, I think it no more than right that your readers should be informed of what we are doing on this far-

off land of the setting sun. There are 16 Circles in this State, all in good standing and doing all they can for the dear old soldiers and their families. There are two in this city-Gettysburg and Seven Pines. The latter is the largest in the State, having a membership of nearly five hundred old soldiers and sisters. We have been organized 10 years and six months, and have expended in relief over six thousand dollars, besides provisions and clothing to at least double that amount, At first there was considerable opposition from the Relief Corps, but that has all passed and everything is working harmoniously. We give that your work and labor may be made easier. entertainments every month in our Lodge- We extend an invitation to all to visit us, and Idaho, extends sympathy to Past President D. C.; then to Camp Stoneman, Va., and finally MINNESOTA. room, and every three months we take a large hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing Catherine Overstreet, of Geo. Wright Corps, to Fortress Monroe, Va., where he was mustered

We have installed the following officers: Pres., Lydia Henkly; S. V. P., Mary Watson; J. V. P., Sister Powis; Chap., Martha Finch Treas., Lena Scholten; Sec., Sister E. B. Griffith; Conductor, Sister Bush; Guard, Sister Park.-Mrs. M. A. CONGER-WHITTINGHAM, Corresponding Secretary, Seven Pines Circle, 3, San Francisco, Cal.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it this recipe in German, French or English, with INDIANA.—
Dela Hunt Post, 152, Carmelton—Com., Jacob Enyder; S. V. C., David L. Robinson: J. V. C.,

Multiple States of Preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Gleanings from National Headquar ters--Notes from Departments.

AATIONAL W.R.C. HOME.

From an Inmate's Point of View-There the War-worn Women Veterans Find Friends and Shelter-Gratitude of Army Nurses Outside Who Are Waiting for Their Pen-

A HOME PICTURE. We have had numerous accounts of the National Relief Corps Home from friends and visitors, but what do they think of it who are making it their final abiding place before being | and I am helpless. How often I wish I was in called up higher?

One of the interesting women of the Home has told the story of the holiday season and its pleasures, and now another comes to tell of Relief Corps? But when it feeds the hungry, daily routine and attendant privileges. Again, there is a large class of Army Nurses

who have earned their pensions but are excluded under the technicalities of the present law from receiving their just deserts. To and all is well. Many thanks for this the only Council-in-Chief. these, through the Home management, occasional gifts are sent, and following this will be found a few brief notes expressive of their gratitude to their kind benefactors and sisters. THE HOME AS IT IS.

Miss M. L. Bartlett, member of the National W.R.C. Home family, writes as follows:

I am a member of the Home family through a brother, who was in the 9th O. V. Cav. have been here a year and five months, and have learned by experience to understand and appreciate the benefits received.

The National Relief Corps Home consists o three buildings; one, the old seminary, a good substantial brick structure of three stories, with a basement and a porch on two sides that is delightful in Summer. The rooms and halls are nicely furnished, and everything is homelike. This is known as the Wittenmyer Cottage, in honor of Past National President Annie Wittenmyer, whose interest in the Home has never flagged since its inception. There are 16 inmates in this building.

The building known as the hospital, although not particularly used for this purpose, is a two-story wooden building, formerly used as a students' boarding-house. It has a pleasant porch in front and a number of well-furnished rooms. There are seven inmates in this build-

Between these two buildings stands the Ohio Cottage, built by Ohio at a cost of \$35,000. It is three stories with basement, is lit by gas, and has all the modern improvements; toilets stairs, halls, and rooms are carpeted with brus

The dining-rooms are commodious, connected J. V. C., Geo. Purdy; Q. M., Geo. Woodward; by folding-doors. They are in the basement, arcade is heated with warm pipes, so that the Hon. Henry Watterson delivered a lecture | inmates, in passing through to their meals, are

The sleeping rooms are all very pleasant, each having, with three or four exceptions, two windows each. All the rooms have been comfortably furnished by individual Corps or Departments, W.R.C. There are 38 inmates in

this cottage. Besides the furnishings of the rooms throughout the building many additions are made by the personal keepsakes and pictures of the inmates which give them the home feeling. All the buildings are well heated by hot water, with radiators in all the rooms, balls and bathrooms. The great delight in the National Home is that we all have our own rooms sacred to us, which we can arrange or decorate as taste dictates, and while we have full liberty to visit all parts of the buildings, our rooms are really our homes, and we want the Home Board, the Relief Corps, the Grand Army, all who labor for us, or take an interest in us, to know how highly we appreciate this privilege.

While the grounds are beautiful in Summer, we are much shut up in Winter, the grounds | writing the first sentence of the Declaration on being a mile from Madison, the nearest village; but we have frequent gatherings and religious | interfere with the regular lessons. When the meetings, lectures and entertainments, and make and receive calls at our rooms.

There are 11 employees at the Home, including the Superintendent and Matrons, in addition to the washerwoman, who comes two days in the week. This makes quite a family to superintend, involving much physical labor, as well as brain work; but Mrs. Clara Hoyt Burleigh, who is at the helm, has a happy faculty of getting through with it all, steering the Home ship with such a steady head, clearing the rocks ripples are on our ocean of life.

A number of us are able to do our own ironing and assist in the light work, but of course cannot be relied on as permanent workers, since were such the case we would not be here. A great majority of the Home family are dis-

abled from work, or from providing for them- pass. We would recommend that Corps hold selves a home on account of old age, some on account of the many hardships they have passed through, while others are confirmed invalids. though younger in years. Out of 83 inmates, 18 are over 80 years old, and others are approaching four-score. These are all mothers of vet-

Though it was not choice, but the fatalities of life that brought us to the National Home, yet we all feel we have found a haven of rest, The snows of Winter are with us now, and the cold winds from the ice-piled bays of Lake Erie are whistling around us, but we feel that we are sheltered.

Soon Spring will be here, and our doors and windows will be open, and we can look over our therefrom; and the sun will come back to us, bringing the balmy breezes, and together they will kiss in delight the foliage in our grand old trees. Our orchard will don its dress of green, with garnitures of pink and white; the grass will spring into life again; our flowers will bloom and our lawn be a delight to our eyes. We have much for which to be thankful, for although many of us are quite or nearly alone in the world, bereft of kindred ties, you, my dear sisters, in your W.R.C. work are helping to bring this comfort and sunshine into many | numerous contributions from the Corps of that | a heart from which a cry in the past has gone up "I have nowhere to lay my head," and we

thank you all so much. Dear sisters, may this thought so inspire you many of your faces in our Home; a home, which, though not quite so dear to us as the old one where love united us with the golden chord Mrs. Lichy, of the same Corps, in the loss of her of sanguinity, yet one we prize and love.

And we sometimes feel that those brave soldier boys, our loved ones "over there," are preparing wreaths of immortal glory to deck Wilmington, in company with the Official the brows of those who so nobly work for their Committee, G.A.R., and reports the inspection dependent ones. Love can never die, and surely love is "over there." We will say:

"Wave once again the old torn flag, Beneath whose folds they fought, And shout from plain and mountain cras The deeds they wrought."

FROM ARMY NURSE LETTERS.

"Oh, how thankful I was to get such a nice esent from the dear sisters of the National Home Board! I cannot tell you how badly I needed it at this time. I am having a very hard time yet this Winter. I am an invalid and my hands and feet are all drawn out of shape with inflammatory rheumatism, and am almost entirely helpless, so you see I cannot work at anything to help me along." "Accept my grateful thanks for the material

aid and the kind remembrance of the donors. May the blessings of the needy and afflicted be theirs whilst life lasts and in the 'House of Many Mansions' a welcome in His name is the wish of the beneficiary." "With many thanks, I received your kind gift. I am very sick. I hope the Lord will

bless the work you are engaged in. A few more years and we will all be gone." "I am in receipt of your kind Christmas present, and I thank you so much. It came in a good time, as I am not able to do much for

myself."
"I received your kind letter, for which I thank you, and for your pleasant Christmas greeting; also for the check of \$5. My health is very poor and I am able to do but very little."
"I had not thought of you dear women remembering me, but you did so on last Christmas, and now as this check is dated on my 72d birthday how nice it seems to have it. God

bless you in your work of love."

"I received with great pleasure your kind Christmas gift, for I am very much disabled—

Royal Show Pansies, Miss Lippincott's book, "Floriculture" (how to grow flowers from seed) and her complete and handsome catalogue.

not able to earn anything. I thank you very much—may God bless you. I spent three years nursing wounded soldiers and gave diet-

food and my own money and now I am poor and sick. I have not a pension yet."
"I thank you and the Relief Corps most News from Various Divisions---Elecheartily. I can assure I you it came when I tion of Officers, etc. hardly knew where I was to get the muchneeded help; but the Lord will provide for the widow. I do hope to get a little pension, for I

am getting old-shall not need it a great while. CHARLES K. DARLING. I pray for it."

"I received the sheek you so kindly sent Massachusetts' Candidate for Commander me. As I had fallewon the ice and crippled in-Chief.

Charles Kimball Darling was born at Corinth, Vt., June 28, 1864. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and also was for two years at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He joined the Sons of Veterans in 1887 as a member of Clark S. Simonds Camp, 28. He served as Adjutant of the Massachusetts Division on the staff of Col. Upham the Nurses' Home, at Madison; but I could not in 1888, and was chosen Captain of his get there; my time is past; I could not en-Camp in 1889, in which year he also held the position of Division Inspector. He was elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the Division in 1890, and Colonel in 1891. On the election of Commanderin-Chief Maccabe, in 1893, Col. Darling was appointed Adjutant-General, and at the Davenport National Encampment was elected to the



CHARLES K. DARLING.

He was for five years Adjutant, and is at present Major of the 6th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. He is also Historian of the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In civil life he was for several years connected with various railroad companies, and was subsequently engaged in newspaper work. He is now devoting his attention to the profession of law, and is Instructor of Common Law Alice C. Willoughby visited the Corps a social | at the Boston University Law School; also edievening followed, and the Post was invited in. tor of the "Early Laws of Massachusetts," chair, was presented with a costly badge Traver, M. D.; Chap., Rev. F. B. Co which are being published under the direction | studded with precious jewels. of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

> OUR GLORIOUS ORDER. Letter from a Connecticut Brother who Be-

Henry Corps, 37, Bennington, sent a box to lieves in Keeping the Old Name. the Soldiers' Home for Christmas, containing EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I read with fruits, jellies, and hospital supplies. An enterdelight in your patriotic columns the articles tainment, a baby show, and a bean supper are written for the advancement of the Sons of Veterans, and the good they are doing in build-The Department of Minnesota is doing pracing up our noble Order.

tical work in the line of patriotic teaching. The talk about consolidating us with the Eunice H. Quick, Department Chairman, G.A.R. and calling us the Junior G.A.R. is has issued a letter of instructions to Corps entirely wrong. In the first place, I do not Presidents, officially indorsed by the Department officers, setting forth the objects to be | think we are entitled to bear that noble name. attained and the course to pursue in placing | The honor was won through strife and great the patriotic primer and the American flag in privation. I for one do not think any son of a veteran should want to take that name until The indersement of State Superintendent he has borne the same privation as the veterans. W. W. Pendergast net only approves this work, We have the grandest name that could ever but has given it his active sympathy and asbe bestowed upon us, "Sons of Veterans"-true sistance. Under his direction much has already sons, an honor which no one can ever take been accomplished in the Minnesota public schools. The following sentences from the away. This name is dear to us, and it means a letter of instruction are full of good sugges- great deal. Have we ever stopped to think how many of our great men would be honored if tions: "The chart should be framed and hung they only could wear that little emblem, "our in the school-room; and may be taught by badge"? It is certainly a great privilege. the margin of the blackboard where it will not

The G.A.R. men are doing what they can, and are trying to make everything interesting for us, or they would never have brought up the idea of consolidation. All we want is the right to attend their meetings. It has been tried here, and is awakening great interest in the two Orders. We are entitled to attend after the general business of the Post is transacted. When the work comes under the Good of the Order the Post-room is thrown

I have wondered that other Posts have not tried the scheme. It brings the boys together, become more a patriotic one than charitable, as and shoals with such a deft hand that but few | calls for charity will grow less, as the ranks of | and one can get better acquainted. I think it is a good thing, and the time is not far off when we can enjoy the privilege of being come the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, the mothers and teachers of the young, to see that | present through the whole meeting.

As we sang at the Eucampment, every eye looking at Old Glory, these few lines came to me. As a Connecticut boy, they came right home to me. "Qui transtulit sustinet!" motto of light!

'Neath the folds of that banner we strike for Connecticut's watchword, o'er hill and o'er plain, The Hand that transplanted, that Hand will sus And now in the darkness of Treason's black night,

The Department President takes encourage-'Neath the folds of that banner we strike for th ment in the fact that Minnesota is the one State in the Union which has a special teacher For the right! 'tis our country we're marching to ure to Teachers' Institutes on patriotic teach-The dear flag of the Union in triumph shall wave.

Faith swells in each heart; Hope fires every vein; And Thou who transplanted, oh! always sustain. -GEO. E. ZIMMERMAN, Norwich, Conn. EDWARD K. DE PUY.

remembered with holiday fruits, and the or-Thomas Camp's Candidate for Colonel of

In addition to the usual supplies sent to the the Maryland Division,

Edward K. De Puy was born at Douglas Dakota County, Minn., July 9, 1861, just at the outbreak of the war. His father, Schuyler P. De Puy, enlisted Aug. 22, 1862, in Co. K. 8th Minn. His mother then returned to Onondaga she taught school while her husband was at the front. The 8th Minn. was mustered into the service just at the time of the Sioux outbreak | Capt. Wiley, of Camp 34. in the Northwest, and the regiment's first service was in that section of the country. Afterward the regiment saw service in the South at Murfreesboro, and in other important battles. His father was wounded, and in the Fall of Department President Mattie D. Budlong of 1864 was sent to Carver Hospital, Washington, out on June 21, 1865.



Capt. De Puy spent his boyhood days in Syracuse, N. Y., and attended the public schools and the Onondaga Valley Academy. At the age of 16 years he entered the naval service as an apprentice, serving until July, 1882, when he was discharged as a petty officer. He served under Capt. (now Admiral) Geo. Brown, and other prominent officers.

Capt. De Puy followed Horace Greeley's advice in 1884 and went West, locating in Deadwood, S. D., where in 1891 he organized and was the first Captain of Gen. George Crook Camp, 42. He moved to Washington in August, 1891, to accept an appointment in the War Department. In 1892 he joined Geo. H. Thomas Camp, 31, and was Captain of that Camp during the year 1894. Has held other offices in the Camp, and is now Quartermaster Sergeant. George H. Thomas, John A. Logan, and other Camps have indorsed Capt. De Puy for Division Commander, and he will go to the Encampment with the support of almost every Washington

THE DIVISIONS.

ILLINOIS. Division Commander William G. Dustin announced that the next annual Encampment will be held in Galesburg, Ill., Tuesday, Wedkindred societies meet.

A. E. Clark Camp, 43, Belfast-Capt., U. G. Hussey; First Lieut., W. W. Shaw; Second Lieut., W. S. Hobbs; First Serg't, W. J. Clifford; Q. M. S., Orrin J. Dickey; Chap., A. S. Stoney; Council, A. S. Stoney, J. W. Pendleton, C. M. Smalley. MASSACHUSETTS.

The 15th annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division was held at Worcester, Monday, Feb. 22. All of the elective Division officers and many Past Division Commanders were present. Three hundred and eighty-one credentials entitled to seats and votes in the Encampment were presented. Division Commander Sisson made an able address in review of the work of his administration, and several important recommendations were contained therein. The Division was presented with a handsome silk flag, which was procured by popular subscriptions from members. The sum of \$100 was appropriated to the S. of V. dormitory fund. Last year a dormitory containing 33 beds, suitably equipped with necessary furniture, etc., was purchased at a cost of \$808.30 from the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts. For the purchase of flags for the graves of the Union dead at Andersonville \$25 was appropriated. The business of the Encampment was conducted with expediency and promptness.

The following officers were elected: Com. Orange H. Cook, Melrose; S. V. C., Leonard C. Couch, Taunton; J. V. C., Charles E. Bennett, Hudson. Council, Henry D. Sisson, Pittsfield; Edward H. Lounsbury, Woburn; J. Harry Fayerweather, Westboro. Delegate-at-Large, W. R. Waterman, Hanover; Delegates, O. Fisk, Pittsfield; C. F. O'Brien, Boston; T. J. Hannon, Dedham; A. A. Tilden, Arlington; Henry E. Waugh, Whitman; W. H. Brown, Holyoke; Fred A. Filson, Waltham; E. J. Green, Peabody. The Commander and Senior Vice Commander were unanimously elected; the other officers by a large majority. The new Commander has been a faithful

member of the Order for 10 years, and has ber, 1890. It numbers among its prominent missed but three meetings of his Camp in that members Division Commander D. M. Dwire, Couch is the son of the late Gen. D. M. Couch, Adj't H. E. Hodges. who was second in command to Hooker in the Army of the Potomac. Junior Vice Department Commander Bennett has been a member since 1882, and was last year a member of the State Legislature. Brother Lounsbury, of the Division Council, is a bright young barrister, and City Solicitor of Woburn. One of the delegates, Brother O'Brien, is a young man of prominence, standing high in the legal profession and political circles. In 1894-95 he was President of the Boston City Council, and is the youngest man who has ever held that

Commander Sisson, on retiring from the



ORANGE H. COOK.

One of the features of the Encampment that created great enthusiasm was the adoption of the following resolution by a unanimous vote. "The Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans. U. S. A., in convention assembled, in recognition of the conspicuous worth and notable services to the Order of its Past Division Commander, Charles K. Darling, hereby presents his name as its candidate for Commander-in- 1862. His parents moved to Woonsocket, Chief, and instructs its Delegates to the where he received his education and where he National Encampment at Indianapolis to use has since resided. He is employed by the all proper means to secure his election."

The delegates had looked forward with pleasare to meeting the distinguished leader of the Order-at-large, Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake, who was expected to attend the Encampment, but was prevented from doing so by press of official business demanding his presence elsewhere. A telegram conveying his official greetings was received and read to the Encampment. Ins.-Gen. Arthur B. Spink was present, however, and represented the Commandery-in-Chief. Upon invitation he installed the officers-elect.

L. A. Tifft Camp, 15, Merrick-Capt., Fred E. Burnham; First Lieut., Fred A. Clark; Second Lieut., E. A. Witt; Council, F. A. Clark, E. A. Witt, J. A. Loring; First Sergeant, J. W Denby. E. S. Emerson, Sergeant of the Guard, writes that the Camp has adopted the regulation Sons of Veterans uniform, and purchased 25 sabers. Five recruits were mustered at the last meeting, and a number of applications are now on file.

Capt. A. L. Oliver, of J. F. Reynolds Camp, 23. Reading, writes of the method employed in his section of the State to keep up interest in the Order. A number of Camps have banded office. He joined Charles F. Gordon Camp. together, and each in turn gives a Campfire, to which all brethren are invited. Eligible sons in 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896. He was elected of veterans and old comrades often attend. Major of Rhode Island Division and served a Feb. 11 Reynolds Camp entertained the associ- term under Col. T. A. Barton, and bas been ation, which is known as the "Big Five," and | twice elected to Division Council. He has also Camps from Woburn, Wakefield, Arlington, and Melrose were present. Speeches were made by Division Commander Sissons, Past County, N. Y., with her three children, where Division Commander Stevens, Junior Vice Division Commander Cook, Division Surgeon Tilden, Past Commander Sweetser, of Post 194, and MICHIGAN.

Sherman Camp, St. Joseph-Capt., F. E. Beers; First Lieut., J. E. Riley; Second Lieut., G. R. Benson; First Serg't, A. L. Versaw. The Camp observed Union Defenders' Day.

The 12th anniversary of the institution of St. | Veterans in April, 1892, as a member of Gen. Paul Camp was celebrated on Washington's Silas Casey Camp, 7, Wickford, and was soon Birthday. Many of the original members were appointed First Sergeant, which position he present. The Camp is now one of the largest in filled to the close of the year, when he was the Order. NEBRASKA.

Omaha is in the field for the 1898 National Encampment of the Sous of Veterans, and active measures were taken by the Nebraska Division at its recent meeting in Omaha to secure the coveted honor. Senator John M. Thurston was chosen delegate to the Indianapolis meeting, and has accepted the office. The other delegate is J. W. Collins, of Fremont. Both these gentlemen have pledged themselves to work in the interest of Omaha. The Encampment, after much discussion, established a relief fund. The money will be | Martyred President.

used to defray the expenses of the funeral of deceased brothers, and it is also proposed to render some financial assistance to the bereaved families. The necessary amount will be raised by the assessment of 50 cents on each member whenever a death occurs. The establishment nesday and Thursday, May 4, 5, 6, at the same of this department required that a new office time as the G.A.R., W.R.C., L.A.S., and other should be established. The new officer is to be called the Assistant Chaplain. The adoption of this plan was a compromise, a sentiment exist-ing in favor of a full insurance department. It was felt, however, that it would be inadvisable at the present time to make the Order an insurance one, because it was believed that it would be difficult to maintain with the present

membership under the severe insurance laws of It was decided to hold the next Encampment in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republicand the Woman's Relief Corps in Norfolk sometime during the early part of Febru-ary, 1898. The Daughters of Veterans will meet at the same time and place.

The following were the officers elected: Com., W. H. Davis, Wilbur; S. V. C., M. R. Gilmore, Valley; J. V. C., S. T. Wiggings, Omaha. Division Council, F. J. Coates, Omaha; Geo. T. Wolz, Fremont; A. W. Whiting, Albion. The following staff officers were announced: Adj't, R. C. Van Duyn, Wilbur; Surg., D. O. Eaton, Litchfield; Ins., R. M. Tyson, Wilbur; J.-A., E. L. Bradley, Omaha; Chap., J. A. Beck, South Omaha; M. O., E. H. Jenkins, Columbus; S. M., Wm. Greissinger. The Quartermaster was not appointed.

Akron Camp. 27, Akron-Capt., A. C. Billow; First Lieut., W. D. Kittinger; Second Lieut., Charles R. Schultz; Council, George S. Whitney, Osborn Esgate, Durbin Holloway; First Serg't, J. R. Billow; Q. M. S., George E. Corbin; Chap., Osborn Esgate. Brother Whitney writes that the Camp observed Union Defenders' Day. Over 200 people attended the exer-OREGON.

George Lovett, of Astoria, writes that the boys are working hard to keep alive the Camp at that place. Many of the members have no work, and some are unable to pay their dues. Lincoln Camp, 15, Silverton-Capt, C. O. Bursell; First Lieut., D. C. Vangorder; Second Lieut., L. M. Ormsby; Chap., Pearl Hubbard; Q. M. S., Lewis J. Bursell; First Serg't, H. E. Hodges. This Camp was organized in Novem-Adj't H. E. Hodges.

RHODE ISLAND. The following officers were elected at the ninth annual Encampment of the Rhode Island Division, held at Providence: Com., Lieut, Charles W. Abbott, jr., U. S. A.; S. V. C., Walter R. Williams; J. V. C., William R. Congdon; Council, Past Captains Charles O. Taber, Charles Potter, Stephen B. Weils; Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, Rev. F. B. Cole; Delegate, Past Captain Ernest L. Hackett; Alternate-at-large, Past Captain H. D. Gif-ford; Alternate, Past Captain Alton L. Pierce. The following staff officers were appointed by Division Commander Abbott: Surg., A. Watson Charles A. Hammond; Q. M., Alonzo R. Williams; Ins., M. P. O'Flaherty; Mustering Officer, George W. Hoxie; Judge-Advocate, Frederick E. Carpenter.

Inspector-General Arthur B. Spink installed the newly-elected officers and staff. Past Colonel Bowen, in an eloquent speech, presented retiring Colonel Thompson with a Past Colonel's silver cross finely engraved and set in diamonds. Past Captain Henry E. Stevens, of R. B. Grover Camp, of the Massachusetts Division, was introduced as a guest of the Encampment and extended a greeting in behalf of the Massachusetts Division. In the evening a reception and ball was given in Slocum Post Hall by Fred E. Davis Camp, in honor of the Division officers.

Division Commander Charles W. Abbott, jr., is a Lieutenant in the United States Army, and for some time has been detailed by the United States Government as an Inspector of the Rhode Island Militia, and is making Providence his home. He was formerly stationed as Leavenworth, Kan., and while there became a member of the Sons of Veterans. Since being stationed in Rhode Island Liegs Abbott has been mustered in Maj. James DeWolf Camp, of Bristol. Some years ago there was a Camp of the Order in Warren named after Lieut. Abbott's grandfather, who was a prominent naval officer. Lient. Abbott's father is now a Paymaster in the United States Navy. Lieut. Abbott is also a member of the Loyal Legion. His election to the office of Division Commander of the Rhode Island Division, Sons of Veterans,

is a well-deserved compliment. Lieut.-Col. Walter R. Williams, Senior Vice Division Commander, was born in Boston in



LIEUT. CHARLES W. ABBOT, JR.

United States Rubber Company at its Millville Woonsocket, January, 1891, and was Captain been an Aid on the Commander-in-Chief's staff, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He has served as Assistant Division Inspector, and as one of the Advisory Board of the Sons of Veterans Guards. At present he is a private in Co. H. Sons of Veterans Guards of Charles F. Gordon Camp, Woonsocket, R. I. Maj. William R. Congdon, the Junior Vice

Division Commander, was born in Providence in 1872, and received an education in the public schools of Richmond and North Kingstown, and graduated from the Commercial Department of the East Greenwich Academy in the class of '94. He joined the Order of Sons of chosen Captain, and was installed in January, 1893. Upon the election of Col. Arthur B. Spink as Division Commander Brother Congdon was chosen Division Quartermaster, which position he has filled with honor to himself and the Order. WASHINGTON.

Arthur W. Clothier, Division Adjutant, New

Whatcom, Wash., writes that Union Defenders

Day was more generally observed by the

Washington Division this year than ever before. Nearly all the Camps held mitable exercises to commemorate the birth of the

WORK OF THE PENSION OFFICE. Report of Certificates Issued During the Week Ending Feb. 20, 1897.

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